

III. Remarks

In the Office Action dated August 4, 2006, the Examiner indicated that more than one invention exists in the application. The Examiner has specified three species, namely: Species I, e.g. claims 1-17; Species II, e.g. claims 18-22; and Species III, e.g. claim 23. The Examiner stated that he found no claim to be generic.

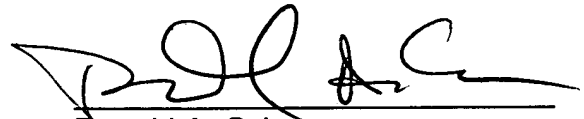
Applicants hereby elect Species I for further prosecution.

Applicants have amended claim I by more clearly indicating that one or more coatings may optionally be deposited on the hot glass substrate prior to the deposition of the nitrogen-doped titanium oxide coating. Applicants submit that their intent in this regard can be readily ascertained by, for example, reference to claim 17, which is directed to deposition of a color suppression coating on the glass substrate *prior to* deposition of the titanium oxide coating. As is noted at page 13, lines 16-21 through page 14, lines 1-2, a color suppression coating can also function as a sodium diffusion barrier layer. Applicants also note that original independent claims 18 and 23, which require inclusion of a sodium diffusion barrier layer and a color-suppressing coating, respectively, also indicate that these coatings are deposited "directly on" the hot glass substrate thus making clear that the nitrogen-doped titanium oxide coating may or may not be deposited directly on the glass surface. Had applicants intended for claim 1 to indicate that the titanium oxide coating was only to be deposited directly on the glass substrate, with no possibility of intervening coatings, applicants would have utilized language similar to claims 18 and 23 in claim 1. As earlier noted, in order to remove any confusion, applicants have amended claim 1 utilizing language which clearly contemplates the possibility of the presence of intervening coatings.

For at least the reasons set forth herein, applicants respectfully submit that the application contains only one invention and variants thereof, and that claim 1, as amended, is generic. Thus, all of the claims 1-24 read on Species I.

Accordingly, consideration of claims 1-24 on the merits is requested.

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